

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 2.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending March 31, 2002**. Wet weather conditions have slowed corn planting and other field activities. Soil moisture was rated 34 percent adequate and 66 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2001	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	23	13	42	41	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Jointing	44	23	57	64	2	14	33	45	6
Watermelons	Planted	9	4	21	19	--	--	--	--	--
Hay						0	5	40	49	6
Cattle						1	6	31	56	6
Pasture						2	9	42	39	8
Blueberries						0	3	29	59	9
Hay Supply						Short	Adequate		Surplus	
						1	66		33	

County Agent Comments

“More rain over the weekend has the ground extremely wet. Some of the land that was going to be planted to corn may now be planted to another crop.”

— Don Respress, Bolivar County

“Heavy rain caused flooding in low areas and creeks to overflow in bottom- land fields. No major problems reported.”

— Dalton Garner, Prentiss County

“Mother nature has struck again. Dry conditions during the week had farmers hopes high but another rain has saturated the ground. Forecasts call for rain over the weekend. Winter pastures look good on the higher ground. We are seeing some damage in low areas.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

“Rain, rain and more rain. We are about to drown! All farm activities have been terminated. Winter annuals are growing well, but need nitrogen applied.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

“In Scott County the ground is wet and will probably keep producers out of the fields for several days. Livestock is looking good and the commercial vegetable producers got some needed rain.”

— Dedric Brown, Scott County

“Field conditions are very wet after a weekend of 2 to 3 inches of rainfall. Very little field work was done. Pastures are turning green with new growth. Feed supplies are holding and there should not be any problems lasting until spring grass arrives.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

“Corn planting is almost complete. Corn is up in many fields that were already planted.”

— Mark Mowdy, Franklin County

“Rains are slowing the planting process down. We need some dry weather so we can get back into the fields.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds County

“Weather has been helpful except for heavy rainfall the first of the week which slowed down field work for 2 days. Grazing calves are really gaining weight. Most producers are still looking for sales contracts on calves coming off of ryegrass.”

— Mike Keene, Perry County

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Weather Summary from March 26, 2001 to April 1, 2001 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale													
Cleveland	66	36	49			0.20		2	2.75				
Tunica	66	33	49	57	-8	0.43	-0.85	4	2.28	62	41	50	0.11
Extreme/Average	66	33	49	58	-9	0.32	-0.94	3	2.52	62	41	50	0.11
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	65	18	45	55	-10	0.79	-0.48	3		60	43	51	
Memphis	65	31	49	57	-8	1.03	-0.23	4	2.51				
Oxford	64	24	48	55	-7	0.51	-0.73	3	2.67				
Extreme/Average	65	18	47	57	-10	0.78	-0.50	3	2.59	60	43	51	
3. Northeast													
Booneville	65	26	46	56	-10	0.12	-1.25	3	2.35				
Corinth	64	23	46	56	-10	0.59	-0.70	3	2.65				
Iuka	62	18	43			0.43		3	3.44				
Pontotoc	62	28	46	56	-10	0.57	-0.82	4	3.13E	56	49	51	0.17
Tupelo	64	25	48	58	-10	0.42	-0.89	2	2.97				
Verona	64	28	48			0.50		3	3.47	59	42	51	0.14
Extreme/Average	65	18	46	57	-11	0.44	-0.94	3	3.00	59	42	51	0.15
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni				60									
Greenwood	65	38	51	59	-8	0.82	-0.46	4	3.72				
Rolling Fork	72	40	51	59	-8	0.83	-0.45	2	4.63	70	52	57	0.06
Stoneville	68	37	49	59	-10	0.46	-0.73	3	3.41	65	45	54	0.15
Yazoo City	67	39	50	61	-11	0.48	-0.88	2	4.34				
Extreme/Average	72	37	50	60	-10	0.65	-0.66	3	4.03	70	45	56	0.07
5. Central													
Carthage	67	38	50	59	-9	0.54	-0.79	2	4.69				
Jackson	68	39	51	60	-9	0.68	-0.65	3	4.34				
Winona	64	30	46	56	-10	0.54	-0.84	2	3.78				
Extreme/Average	68	30	49	59	-10	0.59	-0.79	2	4.27				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	58	35	48			0.14	-1.26	1		60	45	50	
Columbus	71	33	51	59	-8	0.17E	-1.30	3	5.19E				
State University	65	33	48	59	-11	0.30	-1.10	3	4.84	56	48	51	0.11
Extreme/Average	71	33	49	59	-10	0.20	-1.23	2	5.02	60	45	51	0.11
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	70	40	51			0.53		4	3.57	70	47	56	
Natchez	71	37	52	63	-11	1.37	-0.03	4	4.61				
Oakley	70	39	52	60	-8	1.21	-0.12	4	4.71E	70	52	58	
Vicksburg	69	43	52			0.43		2	4.95				
Extreme/Average	71	37	52	62	-10	0.89	-0.48	4	4.46	70	47	57	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	71	39	53	62	-9	0.93	-0.40	4	3.98E				
McComb	73	42	53	62	-9	0.84	-0.49	4	4.14				
Extreme/Average	73	39	53	62	-9	0.89	-0.46	4	4.06				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	65	38	51	62	-11	1.02	-0.27	4	5.84				
Laurel	63	40	51	61	-10	0.35	-0.92	3	5.89				
Meridian	66	37	50	60	-10	0.45	-1.01	4	3.53				
Newton	60	37	49	59	-10	0.48	-0.92	4	3.66	55	45	50	0.07
Extreme/Average	66	37	50	61	-11	0.58	-0.80	4	4.73	55	45	50	0.07
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	78	38	56			1.04		2	4.73				
BiloxiAFB	73	43	57			0.76		2	5.80				
Gulfport	75	40	56	64	-8	0.70	-0.42	1	7.82				
Pascagoula	77	36	57			0.57		2	6.62				
Poplarville	77	38	53	63	-10	1.52	+0.26	4	4.60	70	51	61	0.15
Extreme/Average	78	36	56	64	-8	0.92	-0.29	2	5.91	70	51	61	0.15
State	78	18	50	60	-10	0.63	-0.71	3	4.14	70	41	53	0.12

DFN = Departure from Normal.